GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE TO SEA LINK PROJECTS OF MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sea link projects pending with the Union Government for environmental clearance as on date particularly from the Government of Maharashtra;

(b) since when each of them is pending;

(c) the extent of cost escalation suffered by each project; and

(d) the steps taken to accord early clearance to these projects ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) & (b): The Trans Harbour Sea Link Project submitted by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited, Governmen of Maharashtra was considered in the Expert Committee on 17.7.2003 and additional information was sought on 4th August, 2003. Government of Maharashtra have provided the additional information on 3.11.2003.

(c): As per the details provided by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited, the cost escalation is about 6% per year.

(d): The project will be processed for approval in accordance with the guidelines issued under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification.